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People's Choice Holiday Window Contest voting opens soon

The voting for the People's Choice Holiday Window Contest will take place online this year. Wabash Marketplace will post photos and videos of the decorated storefront windows in downtown Wabash. Voting opens at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25. For more information, visit <https://www.wabashmarketplace.org/vote.html>.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distribution Wednesdays

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. Distribution is while supplies last. All are welcome, regardless of home county or reason for need. No IDs, proof of address or income will be required. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org,

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As ISDH reports 18th local COVID-19 death, new local restrictions imposed

Free local testing clinic to once again be offered for two weeks starting Tuesday

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Friday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported the 18th COVID-19 death in Wabash County, while local officials imposed additional restric-

tions to combat the number of rising cases.

Also, on Friday, Mayor Scott Long announced another free local testing clinic would once again be offered next week.

Testing clinic to return

On Monday, Oct. 26, Mayor Scott Long that the ISDH and the city of Wabash had opened a free drive-thru clinic for COVID-19 testing at the Wabash City Police Department headquarters.

The clinic was open from Tuesday, Oct. 27 to Saturday, Oct. 31, and also from Tues-

day, Nov. 3 to Saturday, Nov. 7. Testing was available to everyone regardless of symptoms. Children as young as 2 years of age could be tested with parental consent.

Long said Hoosiers were not charged for testing and insurance was not required.

After being open for two weeks, that testing clinic closed up shop, but not before over 1,000 residents

were tested.

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, Megan Wade-Taxter, ISDH media relations coordinator, said they "cannot predict future locations" for these clinics.

"We move our testing operations based on need and input from communities," said Wade-Taxter.

Later the same day, Long said whether or not the clinic returned was not up to him.

"This is directed solely by the ISDH," said Long. "I have no say in it."

During a televised press conference Wednesday, Nov. 18, Dr. Kristina Box, state health commissioner, said though Wabash County's rising cases and positivity ratings place it in the orange, or second-highest, category, many other counties across the state were in the same position.

"Almost every county in the state of Indiana is above 15 percent positivity right

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Harvesting compassion



Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Dan Dale was one of the local farmers who volunteered for the harvest Monday.

Dozens of volunteers help ailing farmer shell hundreds of acres of corn

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Monday morning, the sun was shining bright and the weather was cool as local farmer Dan Dale rode atop his 12-row combine, shelling corn.

Several other volunteers had all gathered that day starting at 8 a.m. Dan Dale said he arrived a little bit after that.

"I drive a school bus, too. With COVID there are no substitute bus drivers," he said. "I think we're going to get done in a pretty good time anyway. Pretty nice day to work, though."

Dale and the dozens



In just under four hours, the volunteers had shelled around 200 acres.

Library board tables salary, health insurance discussions

Property tax revenue shortfalls could be on the horizon

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

At Tuesday's Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) board meeting, proposals to vote upon the upcoming salary ordinance and schedule and employee health insurance benefits were both tabled until their December meeting.

On Wednesday, Ware W. Wimberly III, executive director, said the salary item was tabled "due to comparative information the board wanted to know before making a decision" and that the employee health insurance item was tabled "due to the absence of a trustee who is the point person on that subject for the board."

During previous Wabash City Council meetings, Mayor Scott Long had warned various city departments about potential upcoming revenue shortfalls due to the economic slowdown caused by COVID-19. Before Tuesday's WCPL board meeting, Wimberly said they were on track to provide raises to their staff in the upcoming year. However, on Wednesday, Wimberly said the library board was worried about the potential for shortfalls in the future, as well.

"Although the library budget is independent of the city of Wabash's budget,

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'Operation Reach Out' seeks to connect with most isolated

Care shower group sending cards to long-term care facility residents

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Tuesday, Jaime Kinsey, a local dental hygienist, said she saw a need in the community and decided to do something about it.

Kinsey said she had recently started "Operation Reach Out," a "care shower" concept created to encourage residents in Wabash County nursing homes and rehab facilities."

Kinsey said she started a Facebook group for the project and several teachers had already reached out with the intention of having their students make cards for these

residents who may be suffering from loneliness.

"This is a huge need in our community," said Kinsey.

On Thursday, Jami Bartel, a nurse manager at Miller's Merry Manor East, said she was "so excited" when she was contacted about the program.

"Our residents need this cheer at this time of the year," said Bartel. "Most of them don't understand what is going on outside our doors but they do understand when they get something to brighten their day. This is something that none of us have lived through. We will take any kind of small things to cheer up our residents."

Bartel said it was "amazing" how the community was coming together to support seniors who had been



Mary Norman, Wabash Middle School fifth grade teacher, said her class was participating in this project.

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WorkOne Northeast Centers move to appointment-only services

In-person group workshops will also be canceled

STAFF REPORT

All 11 WorkOne Northeast career centers will transition indefinitely to appointment-only services, effective

Monday, Nov. 23, Rick Farrant, director of communications.

"The precautionary pandemic-related move is being made to further promote the safety of staff and customers," said Farrant.

As part of the heightened safety measures, in-person group workshops will also

be canceled. Virtual workshops will continue to be scheduled in partnership with the Allen County Public Library.

To make a WorkOne Northeast appointment, call the center closest to you. Those numbers can be found at <https://neinworks.org/workone-locations/>.

Southwood graduate receives AIA Indiana Young Architect Award

Matt Sparling honored during 2020 AIA Indiana Convention in Indianapolis

STAFF REPORT

MKM architecture + design principal Matthew Sparling, AIA, LEED AP was awarded the AIA Indiana Young Architect Award on Friday, Sept. 25 during the 2020 AIA Indiana Convention in Indianapolis, according to Maddie Miller, office and marketing coordinator.

The Young Architect Award was created to recognize proficiency and exceptional accomplishments in, and contributions to, the profession by a licensed architect who has been a member in good standing of AIA Indiana and is 40 years or younger.

"Sparling is skilled in finding solutions for complicated problems. He received the award in part for his work on developing design solutions to combat the spread of COVID-19. He quickly reacted to work with many of MKM's clients to make needed modifications to their facilities to prepare for the initial surge of pandemic patients. His swift actions provided facilities with actionable solutions that carried into their ongoing management of COVID-19."

said Miller.

Wabash was Sparling's childhood home and he is a graduate of Southwood High School. His parents, Dean and Rosa Sparling, and many extended family members continue to reside in Wabash.

"As a Principal, Sparling has been instrumental in helping MKM grow and become one of the 'Top Healthcare Architecture Firms' in the country by Modern Healthcare Magazine for 14 consecutive years. With an extensive background in managing complex healthcare projects for large institutional clients, he has a reputation for successfully planning, designing, and executing large-scale healthcare projects throughout Indiana," said Miller.



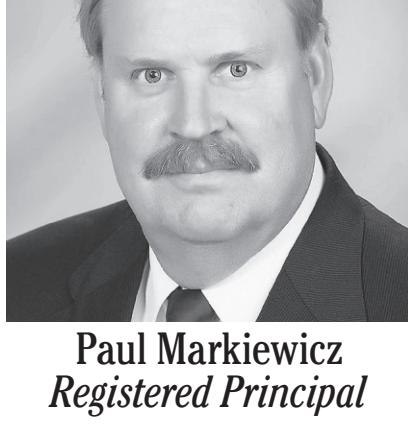
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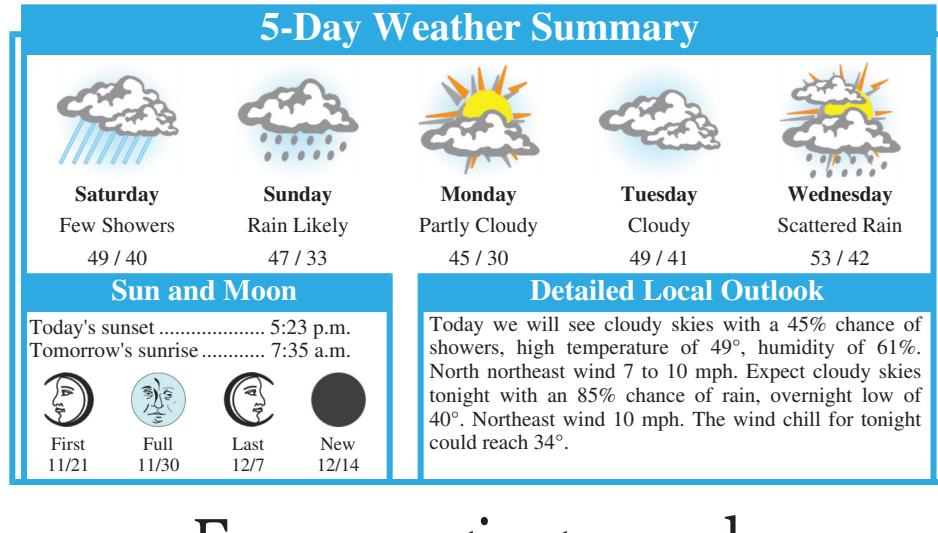


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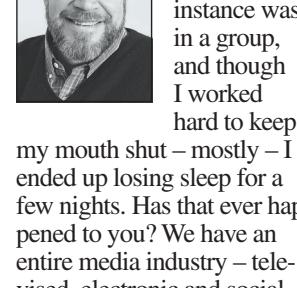
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Encouraging words

I was reminded recently how important it is to be careful when we speak. In one instance someone stopped by the office, and I found myself getting angry at where the conversation was

Rev. Todd Render



going. Now, this acquaintance is mad at me and walked away in a sulk. The other instance was in a group, and though I worked hard to keep my mouth shut – mostly – I ended up losing sleep for a few nights. Has that ever happened to you? We have an entire media industry – televised, electronic and social media – who get rewarded for formulating ways to purposefully get you riled up at people and a spiritual enemy who revels in just that.

Can I share some Scriptural bases that may help in these situations?

The Apostle Paul closes his letter to the church in Ephesus, writing:

"Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the Gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should." (Ephesians 6:19-20 NIV)

This speaks to both how we talk and what we say. That word "fearlessly" in Greek means "freedom of speech," with boldness, confidence or to proclaim openly, publicly. There is a desire and admonition to speak boldly and with confidence. Can I say, though, that it took me many years to figure out that there

is a difference between confidence and arrogance? I look back now knowing that when I was younger, I was full of arrogance and completely devoid of confidence. Do you know anyone like that?

It has taken me years to start to tip that the other way, in the power of Holy Spirit and the overwhelming grace of God. It still takes work not to slide back towards pride when we feel threatened. It is pretty easy to tell, really: when do you keep from speaking because you're afraid, or when does "unsanctified language" blurt out of your mouth?

Are you speaking with the assurance of the transcendent and inerrant Word of God, or from conspiracy theories you heard on social media? Or let's make it simple: am I just being a jerk, or speaking to save someone else even if it means that I may get punished for it?

When Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, he had to take pains to distinguish for them the difference between speaking in tongues and prophesying, where prophesying is speaking the word of God to a particular situation or circumstance: "But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort."

(1 Corinthians 14:3 NIV) This is so important. (You may want to highlight this verse or underline it in your own Bible.) Why?

If I am speaking just to "get something off my chest," then maybe I need to give that over in prayer to the Lord, instead of beating somebody else with it ...

"This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual

words." (1 Corinthians 2:13 NIV) We can distinguish what is from God and what is just worldly wisdom: if we are speaking out of pride and what makes us look good, based on our comfort and what makes us feel good, based on our greed and how much power and wealth we can accumulate, based on what makes us fearful and angry to justify our wanting to get back at others – that is from the world and not from God. Even though, those things are what the world tells us are most important.

Perhaps in those situations, there is an opportunity for us to testify of God's goodness, which He demonstrates even to sinful and prideful people like you and me. Perhaps that is an opportunity to share that Jesus sacrificed Himself for us, that He is the only one that has the words of life, and would give you and me eternal life if we believe and give our lives to follow Him. To go from being angry to praying a blessing on that person, giving them a word of correction to build them up, and sharing with them that Jesus died for them – because our Father loves them, and so do we – that is the power of Holy Spirit coming out in words.

May God bless you richly as you cling to and hold out His word of hope in Jesus.

Rev. Todd Render is pastor of the Alliance Church and a retired medical device engineer. He and his wife, Lori, relocated from Fort Wayne in 2016 and have three grown children. Todd has an MS in mechanical engineering from Purdue University and a MA in ministry from Grace Theological Seminary. To start a conversation or make a comment, go to our website at www.wabashalliancechurch.com. We'd love to hear from you.

Wabash County YMCA Holiday Benefit Online Silent Auction set to open Monday

Participants will still be able to view several items in the YMCA's lobby

STAFF REPORT

The Wabash County YMCA has announced the details of their Holiday Benefit Online Silent Auction, according to Tyler Karst, director of marketing and special projects.

New this year, the entire auction will be held online beginning at noon Monday, Nov. 23, and ending at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7. While participants will still be able to view several items in the YMCA's lobby, all bidding will be conducted online. The transition to an online auction is in part

due to COVID-19 restrictions, as well as allowing all to view and bid, regardless of their location.

"With over 60 auction items, there is something for everyone," said Karst.

You may register any time before or during the event and can be found by visiting betterunite.com/wabashcountymcasilentauction.

"Recovering from the difficulties associated with the pandemic, the YMCA needs your help more than ever to continue our work in the community," said Karst. "As the Wabash County Y addresses community issues such as food insecurity or obesity, your support will ensure our community has the resources for a healthy future. Proceeds will provide scholarships to

low-income families so we can keep our promise that no one is turned away from the YMCA due to an inability to pay."

In 2020, the Wabash County YMCA's annual campaign goal was to raise \$180,000.

"As the year ends, we are close to that goal thanks to the generous support of numerous donors. It allows us to provide financial assistance for child care, youth sports, aquatics programs, and membership assistance. During these trying times, the need is greater than ever and we would appreciate your support. We are thankful for the dozens of community donations given to us for this year's auction," said Karst.

For more information, visit wabashcountymca.org or call 260-563-9622.

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Shirley K. Myers

Sept. 18, 1927 - Nov. 18, 2020

Shirley K. Myers, 93, of Shelbyville, formerly of Wabash and North Webster passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at Ashford Place Health Campus in Shelbyville.

She was born September 18, 1927, and raised in Elwood, the daughter of Melvin H. and Lucile (Davis) King. She married Dr. Donald Myers on November 4, 1950, and he preceded her in death on October 17, 1963.

Shirley is survived by her sons, Dr. John Myers and wife, JoEllen, and Dr. William Myers and wife, Jane; daughters, Betsy (Myers) Plymate and husband, Todd, and Ginny (Myers) Shaffer and husband, Wayne; her cherished thirteen grandchildren, Josh Myers, Emily (Myers) Royle, Nathan Myers, John Myers, Dan Myers, Anne (Plymate) Field, Sarah (Plymate) Lofton, Jen (Plymate) Zoller, Katie (Shaffer) Missey, Natalie (Shaffer) Govert, Dr. Philip Shaffer, Marina (Myers) Small and Kensea Myers; twenty-eight great-grandchildren; nieces, Leslie King, Janice Todd, Nancy Amburn and Marilyn Borchardt; and nephew, Mel King.

In addition to Donald, Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Pauline; and brother, Bill.

Shirley graduated in 1945 from Elwood High School and from Indiana University in 1949.

She had a life-long love of Lake Tippecanoe and the



family log cabin.

In 1988, Shirley moved to Shelbyville where she worked in the laboratory for Shelby County Family Medicine. She retired in 2002 and moved to North Webster. Shirley returned to Shelbyville in 2013. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi, Tri Kappa, PEO Sisterhood, and was a dedicated volunteer at the North Webster library.

Shirley was a life-long active Methodist.

A celebration of Shirley's life will occur in the summer of 2021 in Wabash with burial following at Memorial Lawns Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pi Beta Phi Fraternity at give.pibetaphi.org; Wabash First United Methodist Church at wabashfirstumc.org or North Webster Community Public Library at nweblib.in.us.

Online condolences may be shared with Shirley's family at www.freemanfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

Garland L. Wilcox

Sept. 19, 1930 - Nov. 17, 2020

Garland L. Wilcox, 90, North Manchester, died November 17, 2020. Born on September 19, 1930 in Wabash County, Indiana, Garland was the son of Ernest and Amelia (Rickert) Wilcox.

He is survived by his son, Randall (Jan) Wilcox; daughter Deborah (Luke) Sorg; brother Ernest Junior Wilcox; grandchildren Bryan (Mercedes) Wilcox.

The family has entrusted McKee Mortuary with final arrangements.

John O. DeBoard

Funeral Services for John O. DeBoard, 78, of Wabash, were 2:00 pm, Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Pastor Tim Webb officiated and special music by Ashley Grossman.

Memories were shared by son, Christopher DeBoard, and grandson, Robert Snyder, and

cox, Angie (Shane) Meadows, Katie Wilcox, Eric (Jay) Bunner-Sorg, Craig (Stephanie) Sorg; and seven great-grandchildren.

A private celebration of Garland's life is pending. In your own way, please remember and celebrate how Garland L. Wilcox's life impacted yours.

The family has entrusted McKee Mortuary with final arrangements.

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at her home. She is survived by her husband, Joe Lee Evans. Arrangements are pending with Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash.

George Clifton, 77, of Wabash, died at 7:08 pm, Wednesday, November 18,

Troy Lane Dyson, 57, of rural Wabash, Indiana, went to be with his Lord at 10:54 am, Thursday, November 19, 2020 at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born on Tuesday, September 24, 1963 in Wabash, to Stanley and Thresa Dyson, and two sisters, Tuesday (Ted) Bucher and Teal (Kevin) Leming Dyson.

Troy was a 1982 graduate of Northfield High School. He married Kelly Ervin in Wabash on July 23, 1983. Troy was a farmer and also did carpentry work. He attended the Life Church in Huntington. Troy enjoyed farming, hanging out with family and friends, but his passion was spending time with his family at the lake.

He is survived by his wife, Kelly Dyson of Wabash, three children, Kassi (Steve) Grossman of Urbana, Indiana, Jessica (Cody) Semler of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cale Dyson

Karen Sue Albertson

June 7, 1951 - Nov. 18, 2020

Karen Sue Albertson, age 69 of Paoli, Indiana passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 1:30 pm, in her residence. Born June 7, 1951

in Salem, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Roy E. and Letty Lola (Stewart) Cochran. She was retired from the Chrysler Manufacturing Company in Andrews, Indiana, had been a resident of Orange County for the past 11 years, formerly of Washington and Wabash Counties and was a graduate of Pekin Eastern High School. Karen loved being a homemaker, planting flowers, cooking and spending time with her family and especially her grandchildren.

Survivors include: 2 Sons: Gregory Dale (Michelle Chandler) Albertson and

Memorial Service: 12:00 Noon Saturday at Dawalt Funeral Home in Salem, followed by interment in Olive Branch Cemetery. Visitation: 9 am until the time of the service on Saturday.

Memorial Contributions to: Olive Branch Cemetery 2807 South Franklin School Road Pekin, Indiana 47165.

Max Eugene Chamberlain

Funeral Services for Max Eugene Chamberlain, 86, of Urbana, were 10:00 am, Friday, November 20, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

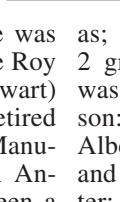
Son, Brian Chamberlain and Rev. Larry Wade officiated, pianist was Nancy Miller, and Taylor Fitch was vocalist.

Memories were shared by family and friends. Pallbearers were Nickolas

of Pocatello, Idaho, five grandchildren, Keaton Grossman, Adlie Grossman, and Korbin Grossman, all of Urbana, Weston Semler and Kyla Semler, both of Indianapolis, Indiana, parents, Stanley and Thresa Dyson, and two sisters, Tuesday (Ted) Bucher and Teal (Kevin) Leming Dyson, all of Wabash.

Funeral services will be 10:00 am, Wednesday, November 25, 2020, at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, Wabash, with Pastor Mike Hill officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 2-7 pm Tuesday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash. The family requests that face coverings be worn.

The memorial guest book for Troy may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.



Kenneth Sterling Albertson, both of Paoli; 1 Daughter: Tracy Lynn (Jesse Huggett) Albertson of Paoli; 1 Sister: Marla Purlee of Texas; 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 1 son: Stacey Vernon Cochran Albertson, 2 brothers: Ralph and O'Brien Cochran, 1 sister: Vicki Cochran and 1 granddaughter: Halle Mae Jones.

Funeral Service: 12:00 Noon Saturday at Dawalt Funeral Home in Salem, followed by interment in Olive Branch Cemetery. Visitation: 9 am until the time of the service on Saturday.

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2020, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. He is survived by his wife, Ethel Clifton. Arrangements are pending with Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash.

Richard D. Lower, 71, of

Wilson, Jeremy Warnock, Jason Warnock, Ian Fitch, Travis Chamberlain, Dennis Vigar, Jarod Fitch, and Tanner Chamberlain. Honorary pallbearers were Terry Knee, Tom Wright, Brodie Stith, Tyler Brewer, and Bret McMullen. Burial was in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Military honors were presented by the United States Army, and VFW Post 286.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Philippians 4:8

OUR TAKE

Truth matters

It is time for the Republican Party to return to its roots. Our country has witnessed some of the most egregious lies ever made in our republic's history over the past two weeks. It must end.

Our country needs fiscal responsibility, small government and protection of individual rights. However, these principles are put in jeopardy when Republican officials choose to ignore the degradation of our social fabric and flagrant attacks on our institutions that keep our democracy intact.

While President Donald J. Trump has grown the Republican Party base to historic levels, deception has played a large role in his success.

This notion has been evident since Nov. 3 when President Trump ignored our electoral process to baselessly assert that a winner should be chosen on Election Day. No president has ever been chosen on Election Day. Our laws require auditing and vetting through a bipartisan system to certify the vote before the Electoral College meets on the Monday after the second Wednesday in December.

During this time, irregularities and fraud are investigated to confirm the projections and preliminary numbers reported by each county across America – and the media – on the week of the election. We have this process because fraud is an inherent part of any democratic election.

This is also the time where lawsuits can be filed. Trump has every right to – and should – use the courts to fight irregularities and alleged fraud. This is completely proper and should not be scrutinized. However, the evidence must be presented to back claims that are detrimental to our democracy.

The harm began when Trump – ignoring the election laws of our country – claimed victory on Nov.

4, just a few hours after the last polls closed. He began his campaign to mislead the public in April when he alleged – in opposition to his hand-picked intelligence officials' reports debunking his theories – that absentee ballots would lead to widespread fraud.

Those mistruths to undermine the integrity of our election were bad enough, but the lies that followed should be an eye-opener to everyone on both sides of the aisle.

Trump and his campaign held a national press conference on Nov. 5 about a lawsuit they filed claiming there was "rampant corruption" and that no Republican poll workers were allowed into Philadelphia vote-counting facilities.

Hours later when they were sworn under oath, the Trump campaign told the truth to U.S. District Judge Paul Diamond, a George W. Bush appointee, as reported by the Financial Times, Washington Post and Fox News.

Judge Diamond asked the Trump campaign around 7 p.m. Thursday, "Are your observers in the counting room?"

Trump lawyer: "There is a non zero number of people in the room."

Diamond: "I'm asking you as a member of the bar of this court: are people representing Donald J. Trump for president, representing the plaintiffs, in that room?"

Trump lawyer: "Yes."

Diamond: "I'm sorry, then what is your problem?"

That lawsuit was swiftly dismissed following this exchange, and at least 11 more of the 12 lawsuits have been dismissed as frivolous and untrue.

A similar situation played out in Pennsylvania where Montgomery County Judge Richard P. Haaz pressed

Trump campaign lawyer Jeffrey Goldstein about a stack of affidavits claiming fraud.

According to official court transcripts, Haaz asked, "Are you claiming that there is

any fraud in connection with these 592 disputed ballots?"

Goldstein replied, "To my knowledge at present, no."

The broad claims of fraud are blatant lies, at this point, that have real-world implications on our national security and republic.

The judges ruling against Trump are not partisan activists or corrupt democratic officials. They are hand-picked by Republican leaders and Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush appointees (in the case of Judge Emmet Sullivan) and with clear conservative-leaning records.

There comes a time where our country cannot support or condone actions such as these. If we fail to understand the harm caused by these bogus claims, the Democratic Party will hold majorities in all of our country's checks and balances because swing voters will lose trust in the GOP.

This blatant deception will also stain Trump's successes, like the booming economy and criminal justice reform, and lead the country toward boundless spending and increased government red-tape policies under the liberal rule.

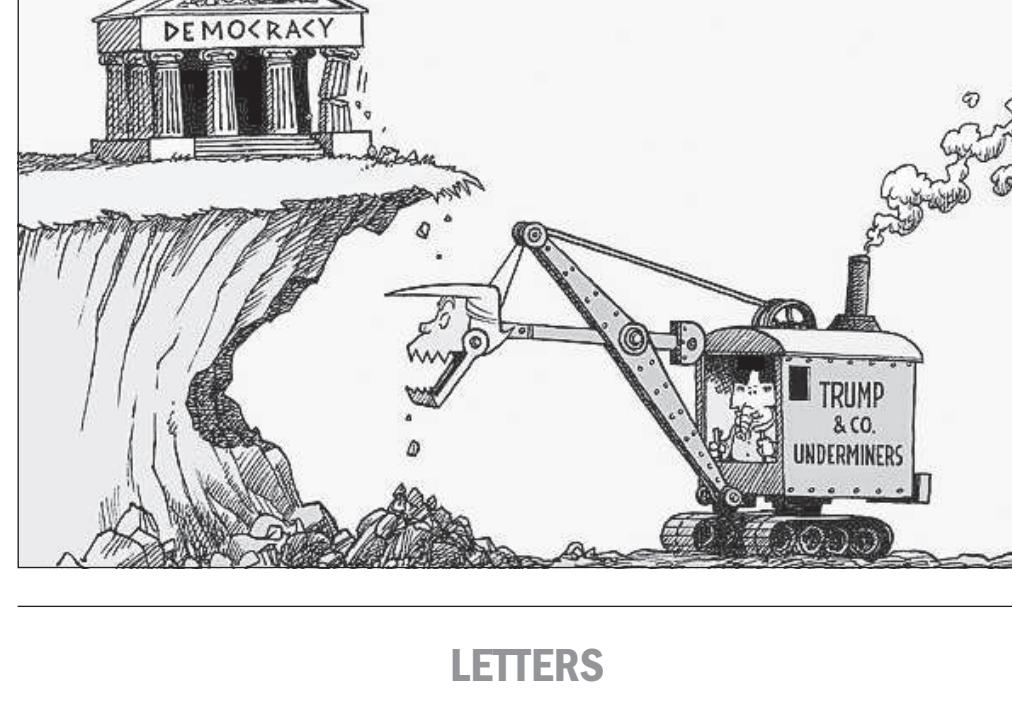
At the end of the day, truth matters. We cannot in good conscience lead our readers to believe these claims of a rigged election are true when we know that our election system has strong protections to ward off fraud and irregularities.

The truth will come to light, and we must resist the loud talking heads who seek to deceive us into believing otherwise to profit off our division.

Trump and the Republican Party should continue to investigate claims of fraud but we can only trust these claims once solid evidence is provided to back it up.

If we run with wild claims without due process, we will find ourselves in a country we cannot recognize.

That is something we cannot afford.



LETTERS

Promoting natural security during Geography Awareness Week

There is no question that the health of humanity is inextricably tied to the health of nature. As explorers, we have witnessed the wonder of our world's biodiversity firsthand. However, we have also seen the threats it faces – and the clear correlation between promoting natural security abroad and strengthening our national security at home.

During Geography Awareness Week, it is appropriate to consider how actions on the other side of the planet can affect us here in the United States. When tropical forests are destroyed, fisheries collapse, coral reefs die off, or elephants are killed by ivory traffickers, this 'nature loss' has catastrophic impacts that can ripple across the globe. There is much uncertainty in this

world, but one thing is clear: America's security and prosperity depend in part on protecting our planet's ecological integrity and stopping criminals from robbing its natural resources for profit.

The past year has driven home the costs of failing to protect our planet. We've seen record-breaking hurricanes and wildfires, and our health and economy are suffering from a new disease that, like other pandemics, originated from the exploitation of wildlife and nature.

The good news is we have effective and affordable solutions to address these problems, starting with U.S. government investments in international conservation. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and conserving nature can help us prevent many future challenges. As a new political era dawns, enhancing our natural security should be among America's top priorities.

Ashlan and

Philippe Cousteau Washington, DC

Cultured-chicken sandwiches show promise

I was pleased to learn an Israeli startup called SuperMeat is serving cultured-chicken sandwiches at a test kitchen in Tel Aviv. For those who don't know, cultured meat is grown from cells, without slaughtering animals. The United States Congress should help fund the development of this revolutionary protein.

Though cultured meat is rapidly approaching the market, it will initially be more expensive than its slaughtered counterpart. This can be remedied with federal funding for research. Legislators should support cellular agriculture because the benefits it offers to animal welfare, the environment and human health.

Jon Hochschartner
Granby, Connecticut

Rankings: Indiana most hated?

As I write this, my anxiety level is near an all-time high. I know you must be feeling it, too. So, we're in great need of a little mood lighter, and I have found one.

Indiana, we are being told, ranks in the top 10 among the most hated states in the U.S.

Isn't that wonderful?

For too long, we have suffered the ignominy of living in an insignificant speck among indistinguishable specks dotting flyover country. How much better to be hated than ignored, because to be hated is to be feared. Come visit Indiana, if you dare, coastal elite poltroons. We'll show you what Hoosier hospitality means, heh-heh.

Pretty silly, of course.

But then numbers often are, especially when they show up in news stories. Journalists are an innumerate lot, and too often more gullible than they need to be. They will just report the figures they are given, painting the exact picture they are asked to paint, however distorted it might be, because they don't know any better.

Figures don't lie, but liars figure, the saying goes. Economist Ronald Coase put it more precisely when he said that if you torture the data long enough, it will confess to anything.

A few examples:

Indiana has among the lowest teacher salaries in the nation. This might be true when considering just the raw numbers, but it doesn't take into account the cost of living. If you adjust teacher salaries for cost of living in all 50 states, as the group EdBuild did for 2016, you get a fairly narrow range. The adjustment ranks Indiana 18th, just behind 17th New York and just ahead of 19th California.

Crime is out of control in Indianapolis (or pick your favorite city), so it needs more police officers. Maybe, maybe not. The average number of police officers per 1,000 residents is about 2.2 or 2.3 nationwide, but there is no recommended number out there, because there are too many factors to consider, such as the city's geography, economy, history and crime patterns.

COVID-19 cases are spiking again, so we should be very afraid. The number of reported cases is meaningless as a public health figure unless it is accompanied by the number of deaths. If the cases are going up but the death rate is going down, that is good news, not bad. A new report from Imperial College London puts the COVID infection fatality ration at about 1 percent in high-income countries but substantially lower in low-income countries with younger populations.

A never-ending parade of numbers with no context or the wrong interpretation means most people studying the federal budget have no concept of how much more than 1 million 1 trillion actually is. They have no idea of risk – the odds, say, of dying in a car wreck, by gunshot or from a tornado. They can't give a rough estimate of U.S. or world population. They don't understand a thing about percentages. They couldn't tell a mean from a median if their lives depended on it.

It's even worse when the numbers themselves are just made up. All those silly state-ranking, click-bait stories: Indiana is among the most hated states, the fattest, the unhealthiest, the dumbest, or it is among the best to retire in or raise a family and on and on. They are based on criteria in the writer's head; nothing about them is real. Indiana is "hated," among other reasons, because of how many people move from it – never mind why the people move.

The silliest numbers of all are in the opinion polls that have come to dominate our headlines and newscasts. Supposedly they give us a snapshot in time of the public mood, but as it became clear how much stock people put in them, they have been used to shape that public mood. Polls today are not just too much a part of the news; they too often create the news. If we are in danger of drifting from the sanity of a republic to the mob rule of a democracy, polling should get a large part of the blame.

So, let me know what you think. Do you believe my rant against numbers is a) exactly right, b) more right than wrong, c) more wrong than right, or d) exactly wrong?

Just kidding.

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HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Nov. 21, the 326th day of 2020.

There are 40 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Nov. 21, 1980, 87 people died in a fire at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

On this date:

In 1920, the Irish Republican Army killed 12 British intelligence officers and two auxiliary policemen in the Dublin area; British forces responded by raiding a soccer match, killing 14 civilians.

In 1922, Rebecca L. Felton, a Georgia Democrat, was sworn in as the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate; her term, the result of an interim appointment, ended the following day as Walter F. George, the winner of a special election, took office.

In 1931, the Universal horror film "Frankenstein," starring Boris Karloff as the monster and Colin Clive as his creator, was first released.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Air Quality Act.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Laurence Luckinbill is 86. Actor Marlo Thomas is 83. Actor Rick Lenz is 81. Actor Juliet Mills is 79. Basketball Hall of Famer Earl Monroe is 76. Television producer Marcy Carsey is 76. Actor Goldie Hawn is 75. Movie director Andrew Davis is 74. Rock musician Lonnie Jordan (War) is 72. Singer Livingston Taylor is 70. Actor-singer Lorna Luft is 68. Actor Cherry Jones is 64.

LIFESTYLES

Let cheese take center stage during the holidays

The holidays can be stressful, so take the pressure down a notch and feed and entertain with a decorative cheese platter. Cheese is a perfect accompaniment to cocktails, an inviting appetizer or, heck, a casual help-yourself dinner. And with a little thought, a cheese board can take center stage on the holiday table. Everything you need for a cheese board can be purchased ahead, ready to

prepare and arranged with simple tips.

Try to balance your cheese selection in strength, texture, flavor and color. As a simple rule of thumb, select four to six cheeses, depending on how many people you are serving. Vary the colors, textures, strengths and milk source, such as a fresh goat cheese, a bloomy pungent or washed rind cheese, a wedge of piquant alpine cheese or butterscotch-y Gouda, a nutty Pecorino (sheep cheese) and streaky blues. Mix the shapes as well, choosing bricks, wedges and molded rounds. And be sure to serve each cheese with its own knife.

Use the farmers market for decorative inspiration and edible garnishes. Arrange the cheese on large leafy greens, such as chard and collard greens, and decorate with curly, frizzy leaves such as purple kale, chicories and frisee. Weave smaller decorative sprigs of herbs and edible flowers around the cheese as aromatic garnishes. Hollow out a small red cabbage or a radicchio head to use as a serving vessel for nuts and olives.

And don't just stick to cheese. Add savory slices of salami and cured meats accompanied by cornichons. Sweeten up the board with colorful nibbles such as fresh grapes, crab



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apples, pomegranate arils and persimmon wedges, or dried cranberries, figs and apricots. Serve with a jar of chutney or jam. Add a wedge of honeycomb or a little glass of honey for drizzling.

Select a variety of crackers, crisps and breads for texture, color and consistency: hearty fruit and nut bread, rustic baguette slices, olive oil crackers, seeded crisp breads – and don't forget to add some gluten-free options, just in case.

Arrange the cheese on a background of black slate or a weathered cutting board, or place a cutting

board in a large wide basket. Arrange smaller wooden plates or decorative bowls on the boards to contain runny cheese and fill with crackers, olives and spiced nuts, such as these Bourbon Spiced Pecans.

Bourbon Spiced Pecans

Active Time: 25 minutes

Total Time: 25 minutes

Yield: Makes 2 cups

1/2 cup packed light brown sugar

1/4 cup bourbon

1 teaspoon sea salt

1 teaspoon ground cumin

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon cayenne

2 cups pecan halves

Heat the oven to 325 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment.

Combine the sugar, bourbon, salt, cumin, cinnamon and cayenne in a medium bowl and whisk to blend. Add the pecans and stir to thoroughly coat.

Pour the pecans onto the prepared baking sheet and spread out in one layer. Bake until browned and crusty, 18 to 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and slide the parchment and pecans onto a rack to cool completely. Break the pecans apart and store in an airtight container.

The pandemic has Black businesses fighting for their lives; We can't afford to lose them

I'd like to share with you why Black businesses matter. In particular, I want to tell you about James Brodie.

Brodie, as all his customers called him, was my brothers' barber when they were growing up. He gave them their first haircuts. He was like so

many Black entrepreneurs who strive for self-sufficiency, inspiring others to build wealth through business ownership. They are the unsung neighborhood

heroes who sell real estate or insurance, own beauty salons or barber shops, and run funeral homes, corner convenience stores, medical practices, banks, bookstores and restaurants.

Among them are success stories, but many Black businesses have struggled against discriminatory obstacles.

On strict instructions from my grandmother, Big Mama, Brodie could only give my identical twin brothers a buzz cut, even into young adulthood. No shaped Afros. No fades. No high-tops. No designs etched into their hair.

Big Mama shunned styles, whether in a haircut or clothing, that could be considered "too Black." She wasn't rejecting our culture; she feared my brothers would fall prey to racial profiling or be denied a job simply for the decision to wear their hair a certain way.

Because Brodie never could tell my brothers apart, he would just call each one "Twin."

Mitchell, the younger twin by two minutes, had epilepsy, and his frequent seizures

made it difficult for him to work. In between jobs, Brodie would cut Mitchell's hair on credit. "Pay me when you can," he would tell Mitchell.

Once, Mitchell was hospitalized after being hit by a truck while riding his bike. Brodie went to the hospital to cut his hair for free. My grandmother hadn't asked him to do it. He just knew she would want my brother, lying in a coma, to still look presentable.

Like so many Black businesses, Brodie's barbershop doubled as a community center. Parents would drop off their sons and come back hours later after they had run their Saturday-morning errands. Unlike in the White-owned stores, you could stand around in Brodie's shop and chat or talk "smack." You weren't targeted as a potential thief just because of the color of your skin.

Tragically, Brodie was killed during an attempted robbery at his shop over the 1992 Thanksgiving holiday weekend. He was 58.

His son, Troy, who started a jewelry business in the back of the barbershop, says he was comforted by the number of Black customers who shared stories of all the things his father had done for them. Upon learning that one young man couldn't afford a tux for his senior prom, Brodie paid for the rental, and cut his hair for free for the event.

When Brodie died, "many of the guys wanted to get their hair cut for the funeral but didn't," his son recalled. They felt it was wrong, even disrespectful to Brodie.

When I asked my brother Michael, the older twin, what Brodie meant to him, he told

me that a lot of Black boys and men who didn't have fathers looked to Brodie as a father figure.

This gentle, 5-foot-8, brown-skinned man – whose clippers were almost like an extension of his right hand – inspired Michael to start his own security company. For a while, the company provided extra income for Michael's family in addition to his full-time job as a plant manager in a correctional facility. Michael is now vice president of security for the Maryland Jockey Club.

"Seeing Brody as a Black businessman went against the stigma," Michael said.

"You know, people always saying that most Black men are not able to hold on to a job or business. It gives us pride to be able to walk into a Black business and be able to take our savings and our money that we make and spend it in an African American establishment."

But to be a Black business owner in America means enduring relentless racist roadblocks.

Let's talk about "Black Codes," which were restrictive laws in the South that specifically targeted Blacks following the abolition of slavery. If Whites couldn't enslave people, then they wanted rules that would limit Blacks' legal rights. Blacks wanted to work for themselves. Whites still wanted cheap labor.

The 13th Amendment in 1865 abolished slavery and involuntary servitude – "except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted."

So vagrancy laws were passed that criminalized joblessness, even though Whites were often the ones keeping

Blacks – mostly Black men – from gainful employment. Once Blacks were imprisoned for vagrancy or other trumped up charges, they were hired out to White plantation owners or businesses in a system called convict leasing. The living and working conditions were deplorable. The puny wages paid for their labor went to state governments. This was the beginning of the mass incarceration of Black men, which, like slavery, has contributed to the emotional and economic instability of Black families for generations.

Black Codes blocked many African Americans from running businesses and kept them from skilled trades in which they could be their own bosses.

Under political pressure, in the late 19th century, Black codes gave way to equally oppressive Jim Crow laws and other discriminatory legislation, which further stunted the growth of Black businesses.

During the early 20th century, Black communities that did manage to prosper – teeming with Black-owned businesses – became the target of White mobs.

"Political intimidation, economic exclusion, and the erasure of communities where Blacks had attained some measure of affluence were the customary aims of a wave of massacres conducted by Whites," write William Darity and Kirsten Mullen in "From Here to Equality: Reparations For Black Americans in The Twenty-First Century." In one example, "The horrific 1921 massacre in Tulsa, Oklahoma, razed the prosperous Black Greenwood commu-

Sorry, Grinch, the virus won't stop NORAD from tracking Santa

By LOLITA C. BALDOR

Associated Press

update on Santa's current location.

Schlachter said NORAD will largely be limiting volunteers to people who already work there and their immediate families. But that could be expanded a bit as the time gets closer. He said that this year volunteers will answer health questions and have their temperature checked when they arrive, and a cleaning crew will wipe down surfaces throughout the day. There will be wipes and other supplies available, and between shifts the entire calling area will be sanitized before the next group comes in.

Faced with concerns about the virus, officials at NORAD have worked for weeks to figure out a way to ensure that the much-beloved tradition could go on. The North American Aerospace Defense Command has announced that NORAD will track Santa on Dec. 24, just as it has done for 65 years. But there will be some changes: Not every child will be able to get through to a volunteer at NORAD's call center to check on Santa's whereabouts, as they have in years before.

Normally, 150-160 volunteers crowd into a conference room at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, taking two-hour shifts to answer the phones as eager children call to see if Santa and his sleigh have reached their rooftops. All together, 1,500 people over 20 hours have participated in the call center in the past, fielding more than 130,000 phone calls, beginning at 6 a.m. Eastern time on Christmas Eve.

This year, due to safety restrictions forced by the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of volunteers has been drastically cut to what NORAD expects will be fewer than 10 people per shift.

"We understand this is a time-honored tradition, and we know undoubtedly there is going to be some disappointment," said NORAD spokesman Preston Schlachter. "But we're trying to keep it safe for everyone involved."

So, some callers may be able to once again get through to a member of the military or other volunteer when they dial the NORAD Tracks Santa toll-free number, 1-877-Hi-NORAD. But others will get a recorded

A fast-thinking Shoup quickly assured his caller that he was. And the tradition began. Today, most early calls come from Japan and Europe, and as the day goes on the callers from the U.S. and Canada climb.

Besides the call center, the NORAD Tracks Santa website – noradsanta.org – as well as social media pages, Amazon Alexa, Onstar and a new mobile app will still be available with up-to-the-minute details on Santa's location. A social media team will operate from a separate conference room at the base.

The tracking Santa apps will soon be available on Google Play and the Apple App Store.

Research. The drop was the largest on record. Black businesses were especially hit hard, with a 41 percent drop to 640,000 from 1.1 million.

In two separate tests, the nonprofit National Community Reinvestment Coalition found that Black people seeking small business loans under coronavirus relief programs were treated less favorably than Whites – even when they had stronger financial profiles.

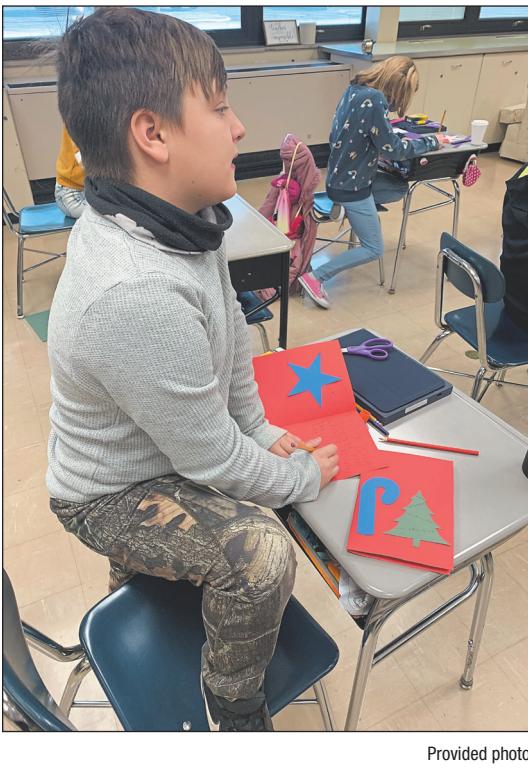
"Lenders not only discouraged the Black testers from applying for a loan, but simultaneously encouraged similarly situated White testers to apply for one or more loan products," the first NCRC report said, noting this discrimination is in violation of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act.

The pandemic has Black businesses fighting for their lives. We can't afford to lose them.

Our neighborhoods need business owners like Brodie, who feel a sense of purpose – not merely to make money, but to uplift the community.

They become stalwarts of the community who carry on despite the obstacles. They make a difference that goes well beyond their bottom lines.

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Provided photos

Students at several local schools are participating in the project.



The group has been in contact with several local long-term care facilities about the project.



Long-term care facility residents have been particularly isolated this holiday season due to COVID-19 outbreaks and restrictions.

REACH OUT

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isolated due to the outbreaks of COVID-19 in facilities all over the state.

"Wabash is a great community that seems to always come together and help with any needs that arise. We at Miller's Merry Manor can not thank everyone enough for doing this," said Bartel.

On Thursday, Mary Norman, Wabash Middle School fifth grade teacher, said her class was participating in this project.

"I feel this is an excellent way for them to spread joy and put a smile on some faces this Christmas season," said Norman. "In class, we talk often about being kind and making a positive impact on people. These fabulous fifth graders were very excited and eager to participate. Some are even making more cards at home with their families. We are truly hopeful that the special people receiving our cards will be blessed and encouraged."

Kinsey said they were always accepting more volunteers.

"Help us help them," said Kinsey. "All facilities have been contacted and will disperse cards evenly among the residents as they come in."

Kinsey said the cards need addresses to "Operation Reach Out" followed by facility address.

The facilities in need of cards include:

■ Miller's Merry Manor East, 1900 Alber St., Wabash, IN 46992. (The estimated resident count is under 50.)

■ Bickford Cottage, 3037 Niccum Road, Wabash, IN 46992. (The estimated resident count is 25.)

■ Miller's Merry Manor West, 1720 Alber St., Wabash, IN 46992. (The estimated resident count is 30.)

■ Wellbrooke of Wabash, 20 John Kissinger Drive, Wabash, IN 46992. (The estimated resident count is 70.)

■ Vernon Manor, 1955 Vernon St., Wabash, IN 46992. (The estimated resident count is 56.)

■ Autumn Ridge, 600 Washington St., Wabash, IN 46992. (The estimated resident count is under 50.)

■ Rolling Meadows LaFontaine, 604 Rennaker St., LaFontaine, IN 46940. (The estimated resident count is 80.)

■ Peabody Retirement Community, 400 W. 7th St., North Manchester IN 46962.

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VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

STAFF REPORT

Asbury Country Church

At the Sunday, Nov. 22 service at Asbury Country Church, the services will be 9:30 a.m. for Sunday school and 10:30 a.m. for the worship service. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick, and the piano will be by Kathy Staggs. The Morning Message will be, "Always Among Us" by Pastor Mike Bullick.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Catholic Church Province of Indianapolis

According to Jennifer Simerman, secretary for communications for Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the following statement has been issued by the Catholic bishops of the Province of Indianapolis, which is comprised of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the dioceses of Gary, Lafayette, Fort Wayne-South Bend and Evansville: "While commanding our pastors and pastoral life coordinators who have gone to great lengths to assure safe worship spaces in our churches, given the continued increase of COVID-19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops hereby extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation beyond Sunday, Nov. 1 until further notice. The Indiana bishops will continue to monitor the situation to determine when it might be advisable to modify or lift the dispensation." Specific liturgical directives and recommendations, as well as remote Mass participation and resource options, are available on the diocesan website at www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19.

Christ United Methodist Church

Worship service is streamed live every Sunday on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

Pastor Joe Bellone's sermons are posted (with handouts) on both Facebook and YouTube under "College Corner Brethren Church."

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. COVID-19 precautions will be taken in the form of masks being worn by prayer house representatives and social distancing. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

Preacher Mark Wisniewski's sermon will be posted on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group Sunday morning for all to see.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church will be streaming the Sunday morning worship service for the next few weeks at 10 a.m. through Facebook at facebook.com/wabashfirstumc.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Lafontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

Lincolnville United Methodist Church

Lincolnville United Methodist worship services are at 10 a.m. Sundays, with Sunday school at 9 a.m. at 5848 E. 500 South. For more information, email Pastor John Cool at pastorjohn1954@gmail.com or call 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net.

Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Manchester CoB YouTube Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live-stream in the same way. Another way to access the live-stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Roann United Methodist Church

Pastor Wayne Balmer will have an online-only service at 9 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22. The sermon is from Psalm 100 titled, "Grateful."

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At the Wabash Church of the Brethren, Pastor Doug Veal is holding a Zoom meeting each Sunday for worship. The meeting is open at 10:15 a.m. so that everyone

can be connected by 10:30 a.m. Join this church service by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/393263884> or by calling 312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID No. 393 263 884.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) offers streaming at 9:30 a.m. Sundays both on their website at wabashchristian.org and Facebook page, Wabash Christian Church. The minister is Rev. Haley Asberry.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., hasn't fully opened for in-person services, but services are available to view online at www.wabashcob.org.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for "Wabash Nazarene" or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find "Latest Sermon."

Wabash First Church of God

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on "Complaining or an Attitude of Gratitude." The sermon may also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard on at 11 a.m. Sundays on 105.9 FM. While in the church building, masks are optional but we do practice social distancing. Sunday servants are Pastor Robb Rensberger, chairperson; Tina Eakright, worship; Nancy Kolb, piano; and Rose Sands, organ.

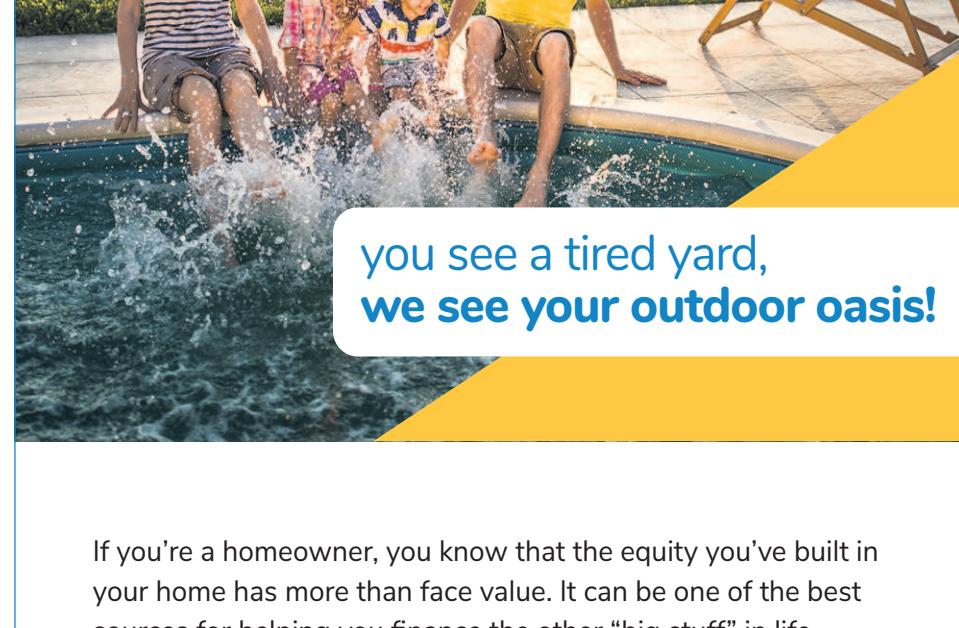
Walk By Faith Community Church

Pastor Greg Wilburn of Roann's Walk By Faith Community Church says to access his online sermons at www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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Dozens of volunteers turned out for the event.

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The harvest took place Monday because the family wasn't sure Dean Stouffer would be out of the hospital in time to do it himself.



Seven combines were running at once to complete the harvest Monday morning.

HARVESTING

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of other volunteers were gathered that day to help harvest the fields of one of their own, Dean Stouffer, who has been hospitalized with the virus.

"This is probably the biggest ordeal I've been involved in," said Dan Dale, when asked if he had helped other farmers in this way in the past. "Luckily, it doesn't happen every year."

Dan Dale said both he and his wife had been sickened by the virus earlier in the year, but both had recovered.

"I had a nasty cough. My wife was unable to get out of the chair. But she could breathe and the doctors didn't want us to go to the hospital," he said.

Dan Dale said once it was announced that one of their

neighbors needed assistance, people volunteered themselves immediately.

"I guess guys were just coming out of the woodwork once they announced they needed help," he said.

Ryan Chambers was one of the organizers of the event.

He said they had seven combines running simultaneously and numerous truck drivers waiting to haul the shelled corn away from the fields located just west of Wabash.

Chambers said they decided to put the event together because time was of the essence.

"There was concern the crop wouldn't be standing by the time he ... could get back out here," said Chambers.

As the combines made their way through the fields row by row, Dean Stouffer's brother, Dale Stouffer, rode his truck between locations

to check on the progress. "Half these guys have been sick and half haven't," he said. "We've been trying to make it so the guys that have been over it are taking the lead. Everyone else, I'm trying to keep them safe."

Dale Stouffer said he and his family were overwhelmed by the "unbelievable generosity."

"None of these knuckleheads, especially my brother, take help well," he said, on Tuesday. "They all do this because they have it in their hearts to be a good neighbor and a friend when another is in need."

Dale Stouffer said most every volunteer remarked about "how much fun they had." He said most didn't even accept the offer of donated fuel at the end of the day.

"They said things like, 'We didn't do it to get

paid,'" he said. "It's a humbling thing seeing all these men that I have always looked up to, be at their very best, helping my brother and his farm."

Dale Stouffer said in just under four hours, the volunteers had shelled around 200 acres, in addition to a crew led by Dave Wolfrum and Matt Whitesel and others shelled around 50 acres

around Dean Stouffer's house on Friday, Nov. 14.

On Wednesday, Dale Stouffer's daughter in law, Katie Stouffer, said their family was on the mend,

but that it was a slow process.

She said the family wished to thank the following volunteers for their contributions: Ben Smith, Dan Metzger, Gary Kratzer, Adam Shafer, Joe Stephan, Ryan Barton, Colt Shepler, Sam Gardner, KJ Clupper, Kale Clupper, Clay Shepler, Chris Hann, Ceres Fuel – Jeff Porter, Keith Ogan, Gary Wilson, Rick Sweet, Ryan Chambers, Heath Lehner, Dan Dale, Junior Utte, Paul Townsend, Chris Niccum, Cliff Airgood, Jerry Enyeart, Tim Ranck,

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DEATH

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now, so it's really difficult to use those particular metrics to determine. A lot of times what we do is we look at what other sites are available, where we have been testing, who seems to be going up higher, where we have issues where hospital systems are having trouble keeping up with the number of sick patients. So, there's a lot of different factors that go into that," said Box.

Box said that based on their current workforce they only have enough resources to run around five of these free drive-thru testing clinics at any one time in the state. Box said they were also supporting nearly 80 local health department sites across the state, in addition to the OptumServe testing sites in the state.

"We are working continuously to add additional sites. We are currently looking at some of our Optum sites that are overbooked and overrun and do we need to add an additional lane there? And are there particular communities that before didn't really want to be associated with a local health department testing site or didn't feel the need for an Optum site, but now we see it's clear that they need to have a site? All of those things are being looked at and address right now," said Box.

On Friday, Long said the city, the Wabash County Health Department and the Wabash Emergency Management Agency were working with the ISDH and the Indiana National Guard to once again offer COVID-19 testing.

Long said Wabash Friends Church, 3563 S. Indiana 13, has offered a portion of their facility to set up the testing site, on the north side of the building. Signs will be in place directing those wishing to be tested which way to enter. The testing will be offered from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24 and Wednesday, Nov. 25. There will be no testing available on Thursday, Nov. 26 due to Thanksgiving. The clinic will reopen from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27 and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28.

Long said the clinic would be open again from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1 to Saturday, Dec. 5.

"You must wear a mask to enter the testing site and it must remain on at all times unless staff directs you to lower it during the test," said Long. "There is no charge for the testing, however, you may be asked for insurance information. This testing is available to anyone from the area, not just Wabash or Wabash County residents. We are pleased to assist the ISDH with holding this testing clinic and are blessed to be able to partner with Wabash Friends Church."

Otherwise, the ISDH only lists one testing site available in Wabash County, which is the Parkview FirstCare Walk-In Clinic, 1655 Cass St., Wabash. An appointment is required and it is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Patients must be symptomatic to be tested. Insurance co-pay, credit card and cash are accepted for payment. For more information, call 877-774-8632.

This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

New local restrictions

On Friday, Long and Dr. David Roe, Wabash County health officer, released a list of new restrictions and guidelines due to the increased positivity percentage which "continues to climb daily."

Before Stage 5 of the Indiana Back on Track plan, Wabash County had a positivity rating near 3.5 percent.

"To get the COVID-19 positivity rate under control," the following restrictions were announced:

■ Signs requiring masks to be worn must be posted on all buildings. Refusal of anyone to wear a mask may result in the refusal of service. Business owners and employees must wear masks.

■ While Wabash and Wabash County are in an orange



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

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level on the ISDH metric map, groups are limited to 50 or fewer participants. If the map progresses to a red level, groups will be limited to 25 or fewer. No exceptions to these thresholds will be allowed, and social distancing and masks will be mandatory at all times.

■ For restaurants, there will be a 50 percent indoor seating capacity limit, 100 percent outdoor seating capacity limit, no bar top seating, table service only with a minimum of 6 feet of distance between tables of 10 people or fewer. Restaurants are to encourage carry-out dining, curbside pickup or delivery service. There will be no self-service salad or other food bars.

■ For fitness centers and the YMCA, there will be a 50 percent capacity limit, and social distancing and masks will be required when appropriate.

■ For schools and recreational athletic events, team participants will be allowed two guests at each event, masks will be worn by attendees at all times and social distancing between attendees must be maintained. Failure to comply will result in the attendee being asked to leave.

Cheerleading, dance and non-essential staff should not participate at events to keep the numbers at a minimum. Live streaming and media broadcasting of sporting events is encouraged.

These measures will remain in place until Wabash and Wabash County attain a positivity rate of 5 percent or less," they said. "The goal is to reduce the number of positive cases of COVID-19 locally, and the only way we see to do this is to enact stricter measures to control the spread. Local officials can enact stricter controls than the state, but we cannot enact lesser controls. We have chosen to enact stricter controls and have set a goal of 5 percent. You can help us reach this goal by enacting the practices recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) of wearing a mask, social distancing, washing your hands frequently and the liberal use of hand sanitizer when in public. Together we can take steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 before the complete closure of schools and businesses is mandated by a higher authority. Our goal is to keep schools and businesses open, and these steps must be taken to accomplish this."

Long-term care facilities

On Wednesday, Nov. 18, the ISDH updated their long-term care facilities dashboard with results as of Wednesday, Nov. 11 and were updated on 11/18/2020. The dashboard is updated weekly at noon Wednesdays. New positive cases and deaths have occurred over a range of dates but were reported to the ISDH seven days before the last dashboard update.

During the latest update, in Wabash County:

■ Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Manchester reported fewer than five new resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 10 staff positive cases.

■ Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester reported 14 new resident positive cases, fewer than five new resident deaths, 49 total resident positive cases, seven total resident deaths and 97 staff positive cases.

■ Miller's Merry Manor – Wabash East reported fewer than five total resident positive cases and seven staff positive cases.

■ O.J. Neighbours Elementary School reported fewer than five each new student positive cases, new teacher positive cases, total student positive cases and total teacher positive cases.

■ Wabash High School (WHS) reported fewer than five new student positive cases, fewer than five new teacher positive cases, fewer than five new staff positive cases, six total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

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utes of someone with confirmed COVID-19.

"The Wabash County Health Department determined close contacts in conjunction with school personnel and advised us who to quarantine," stated MCS.

The individually reported MCS cases include:

■ Sept. 28: One case each at MES and MHS, with five people quarantined.

■ Oct. 10: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined.

■ Oct. 14: One case at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Oct. 15: One case at MES, with five people quarantined. And one case at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Oct. 16: One case at MHS, with 34 people quarantined.

■ Oct. 20: One case at MHS, with no additional people quarantined.

■ Oct. 21: One case at MIS, with one person quarantined.

■ Oct. 28: One case at MHS, with no additional people quarantined.

■ Nov. 2: One case at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Nov. 3: Two cases at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Nov. 4: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 5: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 6: One case at MES, and one case at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Nov. 8: One case at MCS Transportation, with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 9: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 10: Three cases at MHS, with three people quarantined; and one case at MES, with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 13: One case at MHS, with three people quarantined.

■ Nov. 14: One case at MHS, with three people quarantined.

■ Nov. 16: Two cases at MHS, with seven people quarantined; one case at MCS Transportation including all schools in the district, with 25 people quarantined; and one case at MHS, with five people quarantined.

■ Nov. 17: One case at MES, with 22 people quarantined; and one case at MCS Transportation, with four people quarantined.

■ Nov. 19: One case at MHS, with six people quarantined; and one case at MCS Transportation, with unique individuals.

During the latest ISDH update, Wabash County schools with no reported cases included:

■ Wabash Middle School

■ Saint Bernard Elementary School

■ White's Jr./Sr. High School

Schools of higher learning

are not listed on the ISDH schools dashboard. However,

Manchester University maintains its own, separate dashboard.

As of Tuesday, Nov. 17, the school had conducted 52 tests

during the past seven days, with 100 percent of those

being negative and 0 percent

being positive. In total, there

had been 1,987 tests per-

formed, with 98.3 percent

of those being negative, and 1.7

percent being positive. Also,

there had been 36 self-report-

ed cases on the North Man-

chester campus, and nine on

the Fort Wayne campus.

Local figures

On Wednesday, the ISDH reported 62 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 1,243, with 8,786 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 13.4 percent.

On Thursday, the ISDH reported 63 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 1,305, with 8,897 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 12.6 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 21.3 percent.

On Friday, the ISDH re-

ported 60 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 1,365, with 9,011 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 13.4 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 23.4 percent.

Statewide figures

On Friday, the ISDH announced that 6,912 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 282,311 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard.

A total of 4,952 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 63 from the previous day. Another 254 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by the state and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 2,030,938 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 2,009,763 on Thursday. A total of 3,785,422 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26.

The state Department of Health will offer free drive-thru clinics from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the following locations through Saturday this week:

■ St. Timothy Church, 1600 W. 25th Ave., Gary.

■ Clay County Testing, 911 Bonnie Geyne Miller Drive, Brazil.

■ Spencer County Community Center, 1101 E. CR 800 North, Chrisney.

■ Kankakee Fire Station, 12161 N. County Road 200 East, Wheatfield.

To find other testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF WABASH

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WABASH, INDIANA

CAUSE NO. 85C01-2010-MF-000676

VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT, LLC, PLAINTIFF vs.

WILLIAM G. KRAMER, DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SUIT

To the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is the foreclosure of a mortgage upon the property legally described as follows:

Lot Number 46 in Section "C" of Bonbrook, an addition to the City of Wabash, Indiana, the plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 5, page 68 in the Office of the Recorder of Wabash County, Indiana.

Commonly known as: 125 Highland Drive Wabash, IN 46922

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown.

Nancy S. Kramer

In addition to the above-named defendants being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. An answer or other appropriate response in writing to the Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney with the Clerk of the Court for Wabash County at:

Clerk of Wabash County

69 West Hill Street

Wabash, IN 46922

on or before the 28th day of December, 2020, (the same being thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment may be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Ring presented at engagement ceremony is unhappy surprise

DEAR ABBY: When my then-boyfriend asked me to marry him, he didn't have a ring ready, but I happily accepted his proposal. We were in our late 20s and had been dating for almost 10 years. He then took me to the jewelry store so I could select one to my taste and liking (within budget). We took a picture of the ring, and he told me he would bring his mother back to the jewelry shop with him so she could help with the price haggling.

A week later, he told me he had made the purchase and we both couldn't wait for our engagement ceremony as we took the next step in our relationship. On that day, to my surprise, the ring he put on my finger wasn't the one I had selected. However, in front of his family, my family and probably 40 guests, I pretended nothing happened.

I wasn't happy at all and told him later, in private, that it wasn't the ring I chose. His answer was, his mother thought this one would look better (in my opinion, cheaper and tackier) than the one I liked and that I was overreacting. I told him that had he not taken me shopping, I would have appreciated any ring he bought. He brushes me off when I try to discuss it. Why did he take me and then disregard my opinion? Am I overreacting, Abby? — Fooled In California

DEAR FOOLED: You are not overreacting. Your fiance's mother had a lot of nerve. She apparently rules the roost and chose that occasion to assert herself. Worse, it appears her son values her opinion over yours. He owes you an apology.

If this happened recently and you are not yet married to this prize, the two of you should consider making a return trip to that jeweler. Hopefully, this scenario won't be repeated with the selection of the wedding rings.

DEAR ABBY: My husband was a drug addict 18 years ago. It was a very hard time for us; he went through rehab and we almost divorced. Fast-forward: He has been doing well, and we still have our problems, but he hasn't used heavy drugs for 17 years. To calm his anxiety, he just has an occasional drink or uses CBD oils.

My sister-in-law told me last weekend that my sister told our son (who was 17 at the time) about my husband's drug issues when he was younger. We always kept my husband's past quiet, feeling that we would have that conversation with our son eventually, when we were ready.

I'm furious that she told him. It should have been our choice, not hers. She has violated my trust. There has been a lot of animosity between my husband and my sister in the past, so I am sure she did it out of spite. I am so upset I am afraid I'll explode and ruin the tenuous relationship I have with her. Also, my husband will probably want to disown her for this betrayal. What do you suggest? — Betrayed In South Carolina

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Sports

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Spartans tripped up by Beavers in home opener

Same teams to meet again Saturday, Nov. 21

By DILLON BENDER

Visiting Bluffton University topped Manchester University on Thursday night, 69-60, in women's basketball action in Stauffer-Wolfe Arena.

Thursday's contest marked the first home game of the year for the Spartans.

Bluffton jumped ahead early in Thursday's game, leading 14-8 at the end of the first period. The Beavers managed to maintain their lead throughout much of the second quarter. A Tiara Jackson, from East Chicago and Central High School, layup at the 3:02 mark of the second period brought the Spartans to within a basket at 25-23. Bluffton turned up its defensive pressure and allowed just two more points over the final three minutes of the period. The Beavers led 30-25 at the intermission.

Following halftime, Macy Miller, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, scored five straight points to tie the game at 30. Bluffton responded with 12-4 run over three minutes of action to firmly take control of the game.

Visiting Bluffton shot 42.9 percent (27-63) from the floor, while making nine three-pointers. Eight of Bluffton's nine three-point field goals came in the second half.

Maddie Fitzpatrick's 17 points led Bluffton on Thursday night. Sammy Shardo and Kylie Brock both scored 13 points apiece.

Manchester was held to 38.9 percent (21-54) for the ballgame and went 4-15 (26.7 percent) from three-point territory.

Macy Miller had an immediate impact upon her return to the Black & Gold lineup. Miller led the Spartans with 18 points and eight rebounds in 30 minutes of action. Miller finished Thursday's contest 8-17 from the floor and 2-2 from downtown. Abby Walker, from Oswego, Illinois, Cloverdale High School, added 11 points off the bench. Walker went 7-9 from the free-throw line. Tiara Jackson finished with eight points and eight boards.

Manchester (0-4) will host Bluffton (3-0) again on Saturday, Nov. 21. Saturday's game will begin at 1 p.m. in Stauffer-Wolfe Arena.

Fans will not be admitted to Saturday's contest.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for MU.

Devontay Moore named to D3football.com National Team of the Week

By DILLON BENDER

Encompassing all games that were played in Division III football this fall, D3football.com announced a special National Team of the Week on Monday, Nov. 16.

Manchester University, along with Adrian College, Bluffton University, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, and Trine University were the only six NCAA Division III institutions to play a varsity football contest during the fall semester.

Manchester played at Trine University on Oct. 10 and hosted Adrian College on Oct. 17.

Sophomore defensive end Devontay Moore, from Indianapolis and North Central High School, represented the Black and Gold on the D3football.com National Team of the Week, present by Scoutware, on Monday afternoon.

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Moore finished with 12 tackles, 10 solo, including three tackles-for-loss and a forced fumble in the Oct. matchup at Trine. Ten of his 12 stops came no more than 3 yards downfield against the Thunder. A stop for no gain at the 3-yard line on Trine's first drive of the game forced the Thunder to settle for a field goal and a sack on second-and-goal from the 1-yard line at the end of the first half kept another four points off the board.

Against Adrian College, Moore racked up nine total tackles, had one tackle-for-loss, and blocked a punt.

All things considered, this is a big honor for Devontay. Manchester was just one of six D3 schools to get in some football this fall.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.



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Rodgers matchup creates another challenge for Colts

By MICHAEL MAROT

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts embrace these daunting midseason tests.

First, they tried to contain reigning MVP Lamar Jackson. Then they contended with 2019 rushing champion Derrick Henry. On Sunday, the Colts face a third consecutive challenge — slowing down two-time MVP Aaron Rodgers and the Packers' potent offense. Ace this one, and Indy will be well on its way to claiming the title of NFL's stingiest defense.

"You can tell everybody's on the same page and they fly around. It's one of the faster units we'll have played this year," Green Bay coach Matt LaFleur said. "They're physical, they know how to attack the ball. And it's hard to get big plays on them. So we're going to have to do a great job."

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While Rodgers remains the leader of the Packers (7-2), LaFleur has tried to alleviate some of the burden on his quarterback. Aaron Jones and Jamaal Williams have emerged as a dynamic duo out of the backfield, and Davante Adams is one of the league's top receivers.

Together, they have pushed Green Bay to the top of the NFC North and the Packers are the first team in NFL history to average 30 or more points per game while committing five or fewer turnovers through nine games.

The question is whether the Packers run defense will improve after allowing 337 yards rushing and two 100-yard runners over the past three games.

Rodgers will poke and prod the Colts defense, trying to find areas he can exploit. Indy expects nothing less and intends to stand up to the best.

"I know he's looking for weakness," said defensive end Justin Houston, the 2014 NFL sacks champ. "He's going to try to attack you, make sure you're playing sound football, try to get the defensive line to jump offside. He's known for his hard counts and when you have that much experience, it's like having a coach on the field. We'll have our hands full."

Rivers' revival

A month ago, Philip Rivers' critics questioned whether the 38-year-old quarterback was holding back Indy's offense.

But over the past four weeks, Rivers has played at a high level. He's 106 of 159 (66.7 percent) with 1,168 yards, seven touchdowns and three interceptions. The eight-time Pro Bowler is expected to make his 234th consecutive start, tying Eli Manning for the 10th-longest streak in league history. And if he finishes with a passer

rating of 100 or better, he'll tie former Packers star and Hall of Famer Brett Favre for No. 4 on the league's all-time list with 108 games with a rating of at least 100.

For Rivers, it's fun to face players of Rodgers' stature.

"I've always appreciated and thought it was special going against a quarterback like him," Rivers said. "Going back through the years from the Favres to the (Peyton) Mannings, with Drew (Brees) and (Ben) Roethlisberger and Eli (Manning) and I could keep going — (Tom) Brady. I'm not intentionally leaving anyone out. It is special."

For Rodgers, it's becoming old hat. Rivers will be the seventh quarterback in his 30s or 40s that Rodgers has played this season. He's already gone up against 32-year-old Kirk Cousins twice, 32-year-old Matthew Stafford, the 41-year-old Brees, 35-year-old Matt Ryan and 43-year-old Tom Brady.

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CATHOLIC

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Daily Bible Reading

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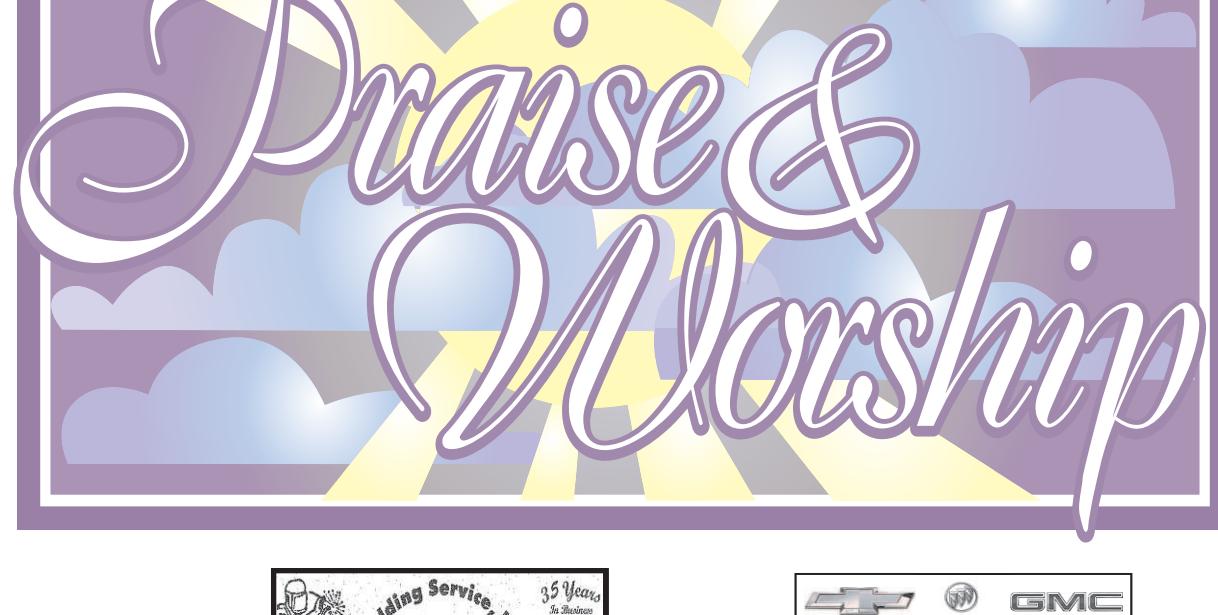
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